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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The amendments to the claims will not be entered because the scope of the claims is changed; new issues are raised which would require a further search and/or consideration before determination of allowability could actually be rendered.

Applicants' have amended instant claim 1 to include the limitation requiring the fluoropolymer comprising a poly(vinylidene fluoride) (PVDF) homopolymer or copolymer from previous claim 12. Furthermore, dependent claims 2, 4, and 7-11 previously depended on the limitations of claim 1, not the combination of previous claims 1 and 12.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 11/2/2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

While arguments to the not entered amendments will not be addressed below, applicant's arguments pertaining to the finally rejected claims will be discussed for further clarification.

In response to applicants' arguments that there is nothing in Gotcher et al. to suggest that they are functional equivalents or that they would be interchangeable in any process or formulation. The examiner points out that Gotcher et al. teaches melt-processible fluorocarbon polymer compositions, wherein after irradiation, affords properties useful as shaped articles, especially wear constructions, which exhibit enhanced mechanical properties both at room and at elevated temperatures [col1,

line61-65]. Thus the fluoropolymers, as set forth by Gotcher et al. (ETFE and PVDF) are functional equivalents for producing fluoropolymer composition suitable for wire constructions.

Furthermore, Mimura et al. (EP 1227134), as cited on IDS, provides evidence that ETFE and PVDF are suitable in crosslinking by using irradiation, for use in the field of electric cables [0005]. Galle et al. (EP 0163825), as cited on IDS, also provides evidence that ETFE and PVDF [p2, line59-63] are suitable radiation crosslinkable fluoropolymers, because they possess a combination of mechanical, dielectric, and chemical properties, which make them useful as electrical insulation material (e.g. wire coatings) [p2, line2-6].

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jessica Paul whose telephone number is (571)270-5453. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 8:00- 6:00p; alternate Fridays off.

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